

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #322 (1999-2000)

May 22, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: PRIOR APPROVAL OF DISCRETIONARY GRANT:
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELING

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to provide counseling services that focus on prevention and early intervention for elementary services.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The U.S. Department of Education's Safe and Drug and Free Schools program has issued a request for applications to a competition for innovative and promising approaches that establishes or expands elementary school counseling programs. ASD Elementary Education is preparing an application for a two-tiered initiative. First, the project will provide counselors for two to three elementary schools that currently do not have counselors and that can develop an exemplary counseling program along with a schoolwide discipline plan. Secondly, the project will establish two intensive counseling programs that will intervene with high-risk behavior on the part of identified elementary students, and will help students learn and apply positive behavioral choices in the school setting. These will be sited at two elementary schools and will accept referrals from elementary schools throughout the District. The project also will provide professional development for school counselors, instructional staff, and parents to support prevention and intervention strategies.

The budget will include release time for school staff to observe prevention and intervention strategies, and work with referred students in the intensive

counseling setting. No cash match is required. In-kind components will consist primarily of regular District staffing and supplies.

The preliminary budget estimate is at \$400,000 per year for this three-year project.

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